GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRICIES OF INDIAN DRUG PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Indian Drug Products in the overseas market are significantly less than the one prevailing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of key bulk drugs exported and their comparative prices in the overseas as well as in the domestic markets;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last two years;and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to secure better overseas market for the Indian drugs ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): The prices of Indian Drug Products in the overseas market are dictated by commercial considerations and also other factors like market strength of a company in a particular therapeutic group, competitors present etc. The prices of Scheduled drugs and formulations based thereon, as fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 are applicable within the country. Exporters of such bulk drugs/ formulations are not bound to follow these prices.

(C) Export of Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals during the last two years is as under: -

Values in US $ Millions
2003-04 3310.73
2004-05 3712.57

(d) The Government of India takes a number of measures for export promotion of medicines under the Foreign Trade Policy, which, inter-alia, include, Assistance to States for developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE); Market Access Initiative (MAI); Market Development Assistance (MDA); Meeting Expenses for trade related matters; Reorganization of Towns of Export Excellence and assistance to exporters; Brand Promotion and Quality; Modernization and up gradation of Test Houses.